CHAPTER 2

AWAKENING

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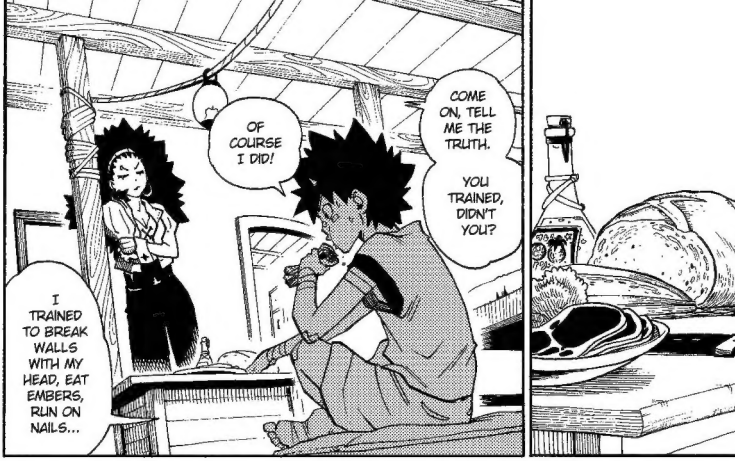
HMM ...
PLEASE DON'T MOVE!
SETH?
ZBAM
WHAS-SAT?!

I WAS HEALING YOU!!
YOU IDIOT!! I TOLD YOU NOT TO MOVE !!
AH, ALMA... HOW ARE YOU?
AS GOOD AS NEW!
WE'RE HEALED !
DON'T WORRY ABOUT US!
JUST STAY HERE, WE'LL GO TAKE A WALK... STUFF LIKE THAT...
?
FWIT FWIT
PICK UP YOUR TEETH AND WAIT FOR ME OUTSIDE.
I'LL TALK TO YOU AFTER I TAKE CARE OF THE OTHERS.
SETH!!
SHIT.
TSK. WIMPS!
I'VE BEEN TAKING CARE OF THEM FOR TWO DAYS NOW AND THEY'RE STILL SCARED...


I TRAINED TO BREAK WALLS WITH MY HEAD, EAT EMBERS, RUN ON NAILS...
OF COURSE I DID!
COME ON, TELL ME THE TRUTH.
YOU TRAINED, DIDN'T YOU?

YOU DIDN'T LISTEN TO ME! YOU TRAINED TO CAST SPELLS BARE-HANDED!
YOU CAN'T HAVE IMPROVISED WHAT I SAW!
AFTER I NOTICED YOU WERE GONE I WATCHED THROUGH THE TELESCOPE...
I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT THAT STUPID TRAINING!

I DON'T UNDER-STAND YOU!!
BUT NO!
A HUNDRED TIMES I OFFERED TO TEACH YOU HOW TO USE THE GLOVE ...
DAMN IT!
AND THOSE HEAD-ACHES NOT LEAVING ME!
AARG ...
!!
LA LA LA... SLURP!

I CAN'T DO IT...
I FEEL TOO SLUGGISH WITH THE GLOVE ON... IT'S TOO HEAVY...
IT'S LIKE TRYING TO SWIM THROUGH MUD!
DID YOU AT LEAST THINK TO USE YOUR FLASK, LIKE WE SAID?
YOU DID MAKE IT LOOK LIKE YOUR POWERS CAME FROM A POTION, RIGHT?
HMM ...
I TRIED TO TWICE BUT...
YOU'LL HAVE TO IF YOU WANT TO HUNT NEMESIS! NO ONE CAN JUST THROW FANTASIA AROUND BAREHANDED!
IT'S NOT NATURAL!
AND YOU KNOW WHAT THE INQUISITION THINKS ABOUT UNNATURAL THINGS!
ESPECIALLY ABOUT WITCH-CRAFT!
A FOOL.
YOU'RE SO IRRESPONSI-BLE...
A PAIN.
SLURP
I TOLD YOU IT WAS ONE.
...
YEAH.
BUT I'M STILL THE ONE THAT KILLED THAT NEMESIS...
YOU TELL ME THAT EVERY DAY...

NO, NO, NO!
WE CAN'T USE WITCHCRAFT BEHIND THEIR BACK WHEN IT SUITS US...
IT WOULD MAKE US NO DIFFERENT FROM THE BRAVERY QUARTET!
AND I WON'T HAVE IT!!
SHUT UP!
TOTALLY!
OKAY... MAYBE I'M ALSO IN THE WRONG...
...
BUT YOU JUST SAID...
AND NOW I'M TELLING YOU TO SHUT UP!
WHAT'S DONE IS DONE ANYWAY...
WE JUST HAVE TO MAKE EVERYONE DRINK A POTION OF PARTIAL AMNESIA...
SO THAT NO ONE CAN TALK ABOUT YOUR POWERS.
...
O.K., THEN GIVE YOUR POTION TO THE SORCERERS BUT NOT TO THE VILLAGERS!
I'M SURE THEY WON'T SAY A THING IF WE ASK THEM...
I SAVED THEM AFTER ALL!
OH MY, WHAT YOU'RE SAYING MAKES PERFECT SENSE!
THEN WHY ARE YOU HITTING ME?!
BECAUSE IF YOU HAD A BRAIN THEN YOU SHOULD HAVE USED IT BEFORE GETTING US IN THIS MESS!!

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THERE IS A SMALL ...
ERM... HELLO, WITCH ALMA... PARDON MY SUDDEN INTRUSION BUT...
SPIT IT! WHAT'S HAPPEN-ING?

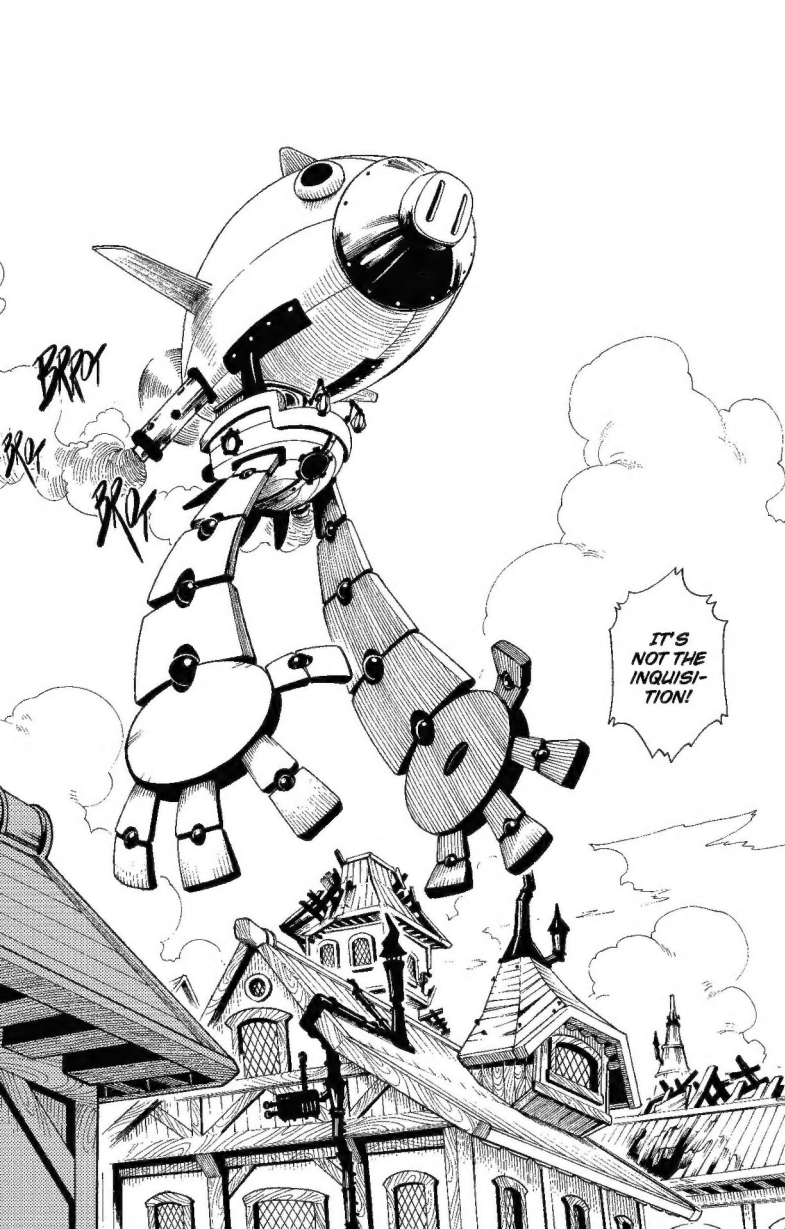
I HAVE A FEELING I'LL REGRET THIS.
NO WAY.
OKAY ...
LOOKS LIKE YOU THOUGHT THIS THR-OUGH... I'M WITH YOU.

!
INQUISITOR APPROACH-ING!!

IT... IT WASN'T MY IDEA! IT WAS MY WIFE!

WE CALLED THE INQUISI-TOR AND TOLD HIM THAT SOR-CERERS WERE-TURNING THE VILLAGE UPSIDE DOWN SO... NOW HE'S COMING.
AFTER YOUR FIRST VISIT... BE-FORE THE NEMESIS FELL...
IT'S JUST THAT... HOW SHOULD I SAY...

IF I GIVE HIM THE FOUR SORCERERS, IT SHOULD ...
SETH, STAY HERE! I'M GOING TO SEE THE INQUISITOR BEFORE HE GETS A LOOK AROUND!
...
ZOM
WHOOSH
BUT...
!
I CAN'T LET ALMA GET CAUGHT BECAUSE OF ME!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, YOU IDIOT?!
COME BACK HERE !!
WHIZ...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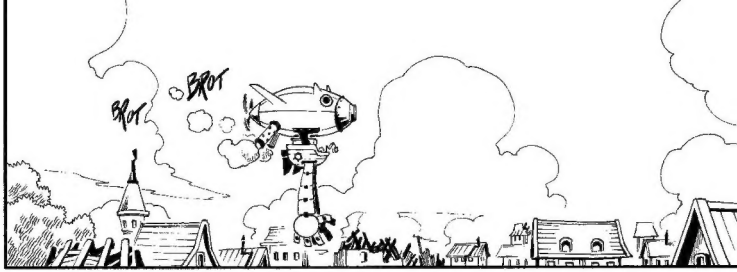
IT'S NOT THE INQUISI-TION!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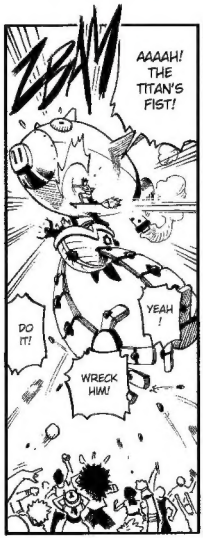
THEY'RE REALLY SMALL ROCKS.
WE'RE NOT HOS-TILES.
NO HOSTILITY, LET IT LAND!
I SAID NO !!
OK...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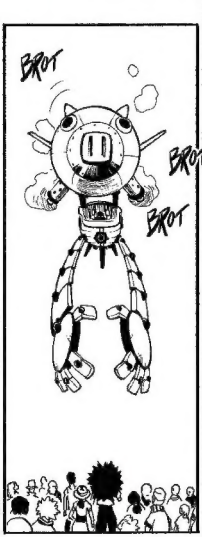
AAAAH! THE TITAN'S FIST!
YEAH !
DO IT!
WRECK HIM!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WHAT'S THAT?
NO IDEA ...
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE IT WANTS TO LAND HERE.
RIGHT IN THE CRATER ?
SHOULD WE THROW ROCKS AT IT?
YEAH!

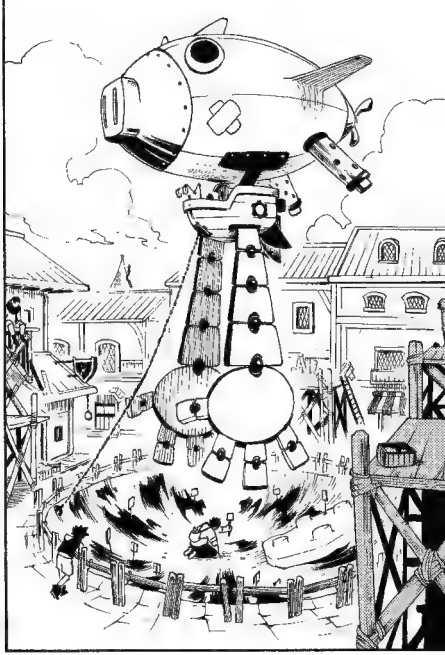
ARE YOU ALL CRAZY ?!
WHERE THE HELL HAVE I LANDED AGAIN?
SOME-THING IS FALLING !!
HEY!!
IT LOOKS LIKE A PIG!!
THROW ROCKS AT IT!
HAA, WHAT THE HECK IS THAT ?!
IT SPEAKS ?
HEEELP!!
...
I JUST EARNED MYSELF A BEATING ...
APPAR-ENTLY NOT A NEMESIS ...
SHOOT... WHO'S THAT GUY?
MAYBE WE THREW ROCKS TOO FAST.

NO MORE ROCKS ?
I SWEAR!
CAN I DO ANY-THING TO MAKE IT UP TO YOU?
QUICKLY, BEFORE ALMA BEATS ME UP.
SORRY FOR THE WELCOME.
I TOOK YOU FOR SOME-THING ELSE.
NOOO!! GO AWAY!!
HUM... HELLO!
SHE WAS SUPPOSED TO HELP ME SET UP MY TOOLS, DO SOME TASKS...
YOU CAN'T MISS HER, A REDHEAD IN A SKIRT, WITH BIG BREASTS.
...
AH?
HOW DID YOU NOT KNOW I WAS COMING?
THE WITCH THAT WAS ESCORTING ME SHOULD HAVE ARRIVED BEFORE ME ...
WH... WHAT?!
I NEVER SAID THAT!!!
SEE? I TOLD YOU IT WAS A PIG!
TO TAKE CARE OF HIS STUFF AND OTHER TASKS!
IT HAP-PENS TO ALL OF US...
HE'S LOOKING FOR AN ESCORT, A REDHEAD WITH BIG BOOBS!

ALMAAA ...
SEEETH ...
ALMA?
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO CALLED HIM?
I SENT A MESSAGE SO THAT SOMEONE WOULD COME TO PICK UP THE NEMESIS' REMAINS AND CLEAN UP A BIT.
WE CAME FOR THE CLEAN-UP ...
SO YOU ARE THE ONE THAT CALLED THE INSTITUTE!
WELL AT LEAST I DID ...
THE OTHER HAS DISAP-PEARED AGAIN...
DOC
- RESEARCH SORCERER -
HE'S JUST A GARBAGE SORCER-ER!
DOC
- GARBAGE SORCERER -
GO BACK TO YOUR BUSI-NESS, WE'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM.

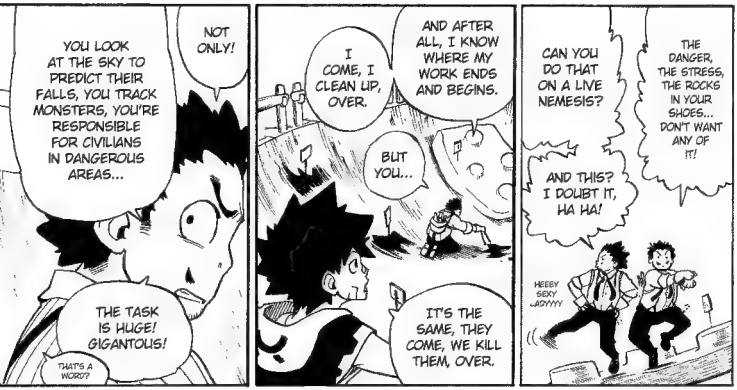
NEED HELP ?
IT'S NOT NORMAL! IT'S GONNA TAKE A WHILE TO TAKE EVERYTHING AWAY...
BLOODY HELL! WHAT DID YOU DO TO SCATTER HIM AROUND LIKE THAT ?
NOO! DON'T HELP ME! EVER!

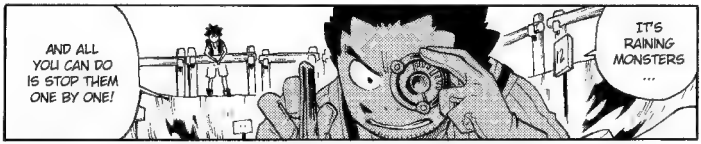
LOOKS LIKE A PRETTY COMPLI-CATED WAY TO CLEAN.
I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE MORE LIKE THIS...

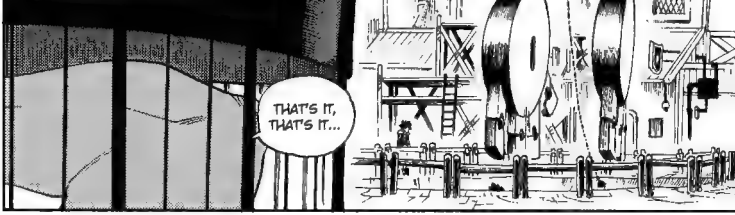


BECAUSE I'D LIKE TO STAY ALIVE!

WHY DON'T YOU HUNT NEMESIS ON YOUR OWN?
BUT LOOKS LIKE I'LL BE EATING GRASS FOR ANOTHER WEEK WITH THIS ONE...
I COME MOSTLY TO PICK UP THE NEMESIS' REMAINS SO THAT WE CAN ANALYSE THEM AT THE INSTI-TUTE.
NO BIG DEAL... GRASS IS GOOD...
I GET A BONUS DEPEND-ING ON THEIR CONDITION.


NOT ONLY!
YOU LOOK AT THE SKY TO PREDICT THEIR FALLS, YOU TRACK MONSTERS, YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR CIVILIANS IN DANGEROUS AREAS...
THE TASK IS HUGE! GIGANTOUS!
THAT'S A WORD?
I COME, I CLEAN UP, OVER.
AND AFTER ALL, I KNOW WHERE MY WORK ENDS AND BEGINS.
BUT YOU...
IT'S THE SAME, THEY COME, WE KILL THEM, OVER.
THE DANGER, THE STRESS, THE ROCKS IN YOUR SHOES... DON'T WANT ANY OF IT!
CAN YOU DO THAT ON A LIVE NEMESIS?
AND THIS? I DOUBT IT, HA HA!
HEEBY SEXY JADYYYY


AND ALL YOU CAN DO IS STOP THEM ONE BY ONE!
IT'S RAINING MONSTERS ...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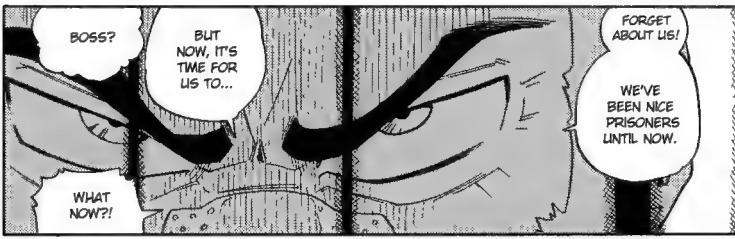
BOSS?
BUT NOW, IT'S TIME FOR US TO...
WHAT NOW?!
FORGET ABOUT US!
WE'VE BEEN NICE PRISONERS UNTIL NOW.

YOU KNOW HOW MUCH I LOVE THE FEEL OF FEATHER GLOVES?
OF COURSE, BOSS!
HAAA... CAN'T EVEN DO A SMALL MONO-LOGUE!
NOW... THE ESCAPE PLAN.
WELL, A WHILE AGO I HAD MY UNDERWEAR WOVEN IN THE SAME FABRIC!
SINCE IT'S THE UNDERWEAR THAT I'M WEARING THIS MONTH!
AND LADY LUCK IS INDEED WITH US ...
WHAT KIND OF BOSS WOULD I BE IF I DIDN'T STRIKE CHARIS-MATIC POSES!
IT'S A BIT TIGHT WHEN YOU POSE LIKE THAT.
AM I SUP-POSED TO CARE ?!
I'M OK...
YOU'RE LUCKY I CAN'T HIT YOU, JIJI !!

HA HA!
HA HA HA!
HA HA HA, IT'S SO FUNNY!
HE HE HE!
RIGHT!
HA HA HA!
I JUST NEED TO MOVE AROUND A BIT AND I'LL HAVE ENOUGH FANTASIA TO BLOW UP THIS CAGE!
HO HO HO!
FLIP

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I MUST SAY, NICE VICTORY.
ALTHOUGH I DON'T REALLY KNOW HOW YOU DID IT...
?
WASN'T THAT HARD. THE NEMESIS WAS ALL SOFT SO I THOUGHT ...

I'M TALKING ABOUT THEM, IDIOT, THE VILLAGERS.
THEIR EYES CHANGED. THERE IS GRATITUDE IN THEM, BUT NOT ONLY ...
THEY DON'T SEE YOU AS A MONSTER ANYMORE.

I WANT TO DESTROY THE SOURCE OF THE NEMESIS.
BUT I'M WARNING YOU, IF YOU DON'T LISTEN TO ME, IT'S OVER!
YOU MAY HAVE UNDER-STOOD A FEW THINGS.
I'M THINKING IT MIGHT BE TIME TO LET YOU HELP ME.
DO YOU WANT TO HUNT THE NEMESIS WITH ME?
...
HEY, SETH !
IT'S ALREADY HARD FOR ME, YOU DON'T WANT ME TO BEG, DO YOU?!
!!
ARE...
ARE YOU KIDDING ME?!
NO THANKS.
I DON'T WANT TO SIMPLY HUNT THEM ...
NO ...

YOUR GLOVE, YOU PRICK !!
!!

BROUGHT TO
YOU BY:
ROL